PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR LICENSING & PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE DETAILS AT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS JULY 17, 2018, 6:05 P.M.

Public Hearing opened at 6:09 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Councilors Barnes, Cantor, Davidoff, Dodge, Sweeney, Wenograd and Williams. Councilor Fay was absent.

President Cantor: Calling the 6:05 public hearing to order, Ordinance Establishing Procedures for Licensing & Public Safety Police Details at Entertainment Establishments.

There was an omission in the Ordinance that we received that was deemed material, so we are continuing this public hearing until August 14th at 6:25 p.m. but I understand that we have somebody that would like to speak, so please come on up, say your name and your address and you can speak to this.

Ms. McNulty: My name is Joan McNulty, I live at 887 Farmington Avenue I'm quite concerned about the behavior in some of the restaurants, actually right across the street we had Shish for one period of time, then we had Los Imperios. I've been to the Liquor Commission twice, fortunately the last time the Liquor Commission pulled their Liquor Permit. But allowing that kind of behavior from an establishment in a neighborhood is very detrimental to all of us. We've all be awaken at one and two o'clock when an establishment of 200 people just really vomits those people out into the streets, they've all had a happy time, they've all had more than a few drinks, they are hollering and shouting and waking us all up..the behavior on the lawns is not pretty for many people. We've got a lot of things you would never want to see going on in your front lawn. The litter is phenomenal, there have been gunshots, I know the police have been called, they had pages of times where they had to go into an establishment of this sort.

So we also across the street at the Hampshire House had to make arrangements to have cars towed from our parking lot, so I notice in here that parking is one of the things that is required for establishments to get a license, because that has been a big problem. – they have been all over everywhere. So I'm hoping that this will go through, we don't' have to really suffer again. It's been a wonderful quiet summer so far. So thank you for what's been happening and I'd like to certainly see this go ahead. If we are going to testify again in August, we will get our troops together for the next time. Thank you.

President: Thank you Ms. McNulty. Yes, Mr. Alair?

Mr. Alair – Just before we continue the hearing. The problem with the Ordinance as it was published is in the definition of "establishment". WE added a phrase to the very end of that definition, the phrase basically would say that any indoor recreation or amusement facility is an establishment that would require regardless of whether live music is performed, it would still need this type of a permit. Ms. McNulty's comments don't really address that issue, so I just wanted you and the public to understand that we're not continuing it because of something that has something of interest to her.

President: Thank you Mr. Alair. Ms. McNulty if you would like to come back and testify again on August 14th you are welcome to. We will start the Public Hearing at 6:25. With that, this will be continued until August 14th at 6:25.

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